

November 2, 2009

## PCAC Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Michelle King, Bill Ring, Cindy Paulos, Loren Grossman, Cathy Williams, Harriet Yoergler, Eloise Goodloe, Gay Havard, Steve Bagby, Meleny Orocho, Scott Bowman, Toni Bonette Raul Fernandez, Angela Hewlett-Bloch

Superintendent King called the meeting to order at 4:40pm. Cindy welcomed our new rep., Harriet who represents LACES. Then the group introduced themselves.

The group then read the minutes from the previous meeting. Corrections: top of the second page, end of the first paragraph *PCAC is an advisory council, not a decision making body*. Besides that, the minutes were approved.

### UPDATES

Superintendent King then gave updates:

- Budget: End of Nov-Dec: Community LD 3 budget meeting w/ community feedback.
- Currently we are planning for a \$500,000,000 for 2010-2011 in addition to the other cuts already slated.
- Clerical/Classified staff is in round 3. Today clerical staff members were re-assigned. There is a lot of movement taking place.
- Round 4 will occur also. A lot of bumping is taking place.
- Cortines quote “Last year was a piece of cake compared to what we have to do for 2010-2011”. **Considerations** for future cuts:
  - Shortening the school year.
  - Mid-year renorming. Some schools have “banked” positions in anticipation of renorming. Class size would remain the same, teacher positions would change.
  - Furlough days-keeps things “equal”. Everyone takes a cut.
  - Class size increases: elementary 29:1-Cortines is looking at 25:1. Does not want to look at secondary. It is currently 41:1.
  - Library Aids: norm or share between schools
  - Fewer Local Districts.
  - Cut Local District Staffs- we will need a new model (again).

We currently have a conditional budget. Now we have to have a “real” budget, what we’re actually spending. We need to watch the Board Meetings regularly to keep current on changes/decisions when they’re made. Schools may have to decide on Librarians, school nurses (etc).

This is why SSC needs to be **trained** on budgets so if Community Budgeting comes into effect, they are equipped to make the difficult decisions that will need to be made. Some schools (iDesign) have been given some of this responsibility already. SSC will need to know the many different pieces (B and G workers, for example)

Bill Ring stated this training has already begun.

Questions: Are outside providers currently applying for control over schools being kept abreast of the impending cuts?

Answer: NO

- Engagement Schools are now being offered-“parent trigger”. This information/bulletin was provided as a handout. This will have to be “flushed out”. Not enough time to do this by this Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, but would for Nov. 2010 for 2011-2012 school year.

We can learn from what our schools in iDesign have gone through.

Question: Is UTLA for this?

Answer: No

Question: UTLA didn't allow teachers to vote for iDesign, even after they initially endorsed it. Why bother going through this?

Answer: Don't get involved with iDesign. I am from Manual Arts. The partnerships are only interested in money, not the kids.

It's very political. Ms. Burton put forth 8 charters. Emerson brought her in. There is a discrepancy for approval. Emerson/Ms. Burton will appeal. Only 4 were approved.

Best Practices will be shared publicly. New schools will have to adhere to Best Practices, like other schools. There is a rubric that will delineate pedagogy (etc).

Bill Ring explained “50% of math teachers in California have taken math classes”. *Quote from the Chancellor of the UC system.* What is their level of competency?

- Magnet compliance meetings have been held for schools whose students aren't performing at proficient and advanced levels. They may be moved or closed if they don't improve this year. High School, not elementary. *Dip in middle school, drop in high school.*
- There have been a series of Family of Schools meetings: Crenshaw this week, Venice the end of November, Westchester/LMU family-LD 3 will help,

University Family-meetings with UCLA in December, Emerson MS- at Fairburn elementary for their feeder elementary schools.

Middle School Night: Wednesday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 6pm, Webster MS (tentative)  
Magnet Fair: Saturday, Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00-12:00, Cochran MS

Question: How do you know where to go?

Answer: Middle school night is for elementary school parents looking for middle schools. The Magnet Fair is for middle school parents applying for high school magnet programs.

Questions: Can we have a High School Night?

Answer: We have to build to that. Let's get Middle School Night off the ground first.

Michelle had to leave to attend another meeting. Cindy then led the group through a review of the Report Card Survey Data. The website is:  
<http://reportcardsurvey.lausd.net//surveys/reports.jsp>.

#### REPORT CARD SURVEY DATA

The *Parents Section* was on page 5. Cindy led parents through a summary of the parent section data. Elementary survey results put LD 3 at or above what the entire district showed in a majority of the areas surveyed.

Parents/anyone can go online to get individual school survey results. Survey results are skewed some for teacher/staff by the way the surveys were given.

Middle school results were then reviewed. It was not as good as elementary but still had positive results in some survey areas.

Loren: Perhaps we can look, as a council, how to better support middle school transition.

Bill suggested we have "Report Card" reps come to the Council of Councils meeting to share with parents what they're trying to accomplish with the report card and solicit questions and suggestions. There may not be time for the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, but perhaps the next one.

Harriet: The Parent Center at LACES is providing a 3-one day seminar on how to help students transition to middle school.

Cindy then transitioned the group to high school: page 9-high school, overall school involvement 26%. Other responses were in the 80's.

## Bi Laws

The wrong page was included last month. Will include next month. We do have the two students: Aden Benyiman-University HS and Justine -Venice HS.

## COUNCIL OF COUNCILS MEETING PLANNING

- Organizational Meeting
- November 19, 2009 Hamilton HS 6:00-8:00pm Cafeteria
- Parent Community Advisory Council (come back-transition from).
- Meeting outcome: Re-launch Council of Councils
- Graphic: Council of Council, Parent Community Advisory Council, Purpose
- Will sit by Families/Complex
- Each complex will elect a representative and an alternate for the *PCAC*
- Discuss: issues/concerns-prioritize, best practices
- HOPE: The Council of Councils will work regularly to be an authentic and viable parent voice, build capacity to work in support of the district, parents and students.
- Elected SSC member and alternate should attend.

Question: What's the difference between a complex and a family?

Answer: Complex is by high school and all of the feeder middle and elementary for all the schools. Family of Schools are just the feeders.

Question: Someone was elected as secretary, came twice and then stopped coming. Can we just drop her?

Answer: Check the By Laws. That will state what to do. For schools that don't have them, it may be a good idea to establish some, including that and other issues. You need By Laws OR a process. You do get generic By Laws at SSC training.

There were no Public Comments/Concerns. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.

Submitted by:  
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